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A Farewell S E R M O N.

PREACHED BY:

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On Sunday last, being the 12th instant, at the *QUAKERS*  
*MEETING-HOUSE* at Westminster.

Beloved: Take heed that ye observe good Counsel, and let  
not the Light depart from ye. Yea, Let the Wonderful  
Counsellor be your Guide.

Licensed According to Order.

It was the blessed Encouragement that our  
Lord Jesus Christ gave to his Disciples, and  
his Followers (when he took on him the  
Nature of Man, and was made Flesh, and dwelt  
amongst us) and therein to all the Sons and  
Daughters of Men, who should follow him that  
many and great Tribulations, I add give up  
his Names and Hearts to him, to be Witnesses  
of his Truth, and of that Holy Testimony

which he should communicate to them near his  
*Farewel*, and a little before his being offered  
 up, *Let not your Hearts be troubled; ye believe in*  
*God, believe also in me: In my Fathers House are*  
*many Mansions; if it were not so, I would have*  
*told you; I go to prepare a place for you, and I will*  
*come again and receive you unto my self, that where*  
*I am, there you may be also:* Now my Friends  
 These Mansions they are the Recompences or  
 Reward that are set in the View of the Right-  
 teous, and promised of God by Christ Jesus  
 These many *Mansions* are the manifold Re-  
 wards, Diversities of Rewards, that refer to the  
 Diversity of States, and Conditions, and Per-  
 sons, unto whom these many Mansions do be-  
 long. As all are not of the same stature and  
 growth, neither are all these Mansions of the  
 same degree of Glory and Felicity. There is  
 one Glory of the Sun; another Glory of the  
 Moon; another Glory of the Stars; for one Star  
 differs from another Star in Glory; yet all these  
 Stars shine with a Lustre and Glory, and the  
 least Star hath a Beauty and Excellency in it  
 and so the least of these many Mansions have  
 a marvellous Light and Glory in it. This refer

to the state of every Man and Woman here below. All Members are not the Head, all are not the Head, but every Member of the Body hath its Service, and will have its Reward. This is that which did Spring in my Soul this Morning, as I sat here among you. O that all here present may become the living members of Christ Jesus our Blessed Head, and live the Life they live in the Body, by the Faith of the Son of God.----He that made us, knows our Frame; He that created us, and formed and fashioned us after his own Image, and gave us Powers and Faculties to glorifie and serve him, that we may come to enjoy him for ever, he requires of no man or Woman more than he hath given them Power and Ability to perform. It concerneth us all therefore to live in the Exercise of that Divine Gift, and Grace, and Ability, which our Lord Jesus Christ hath Distributed and Communicated to every member of his Body, that we may come to shine as Stars in the Firmament of Glory.--- We should do good in several Places and Stations, according to our different Powers and Capacities. And as every member is by the Circulation of

Blood made useful and beneficial in the Natural Body, so the *Divine Life and Blood of the Son of God Circulates through his whole Mystical Body*, and reaches Life to every living member. Here is no Obstruction through Unfaithfulness, or Inordinate love of the World, or any Temptation from without us, or Corruption from within us. Here is a free Channel, here is an open Passage for Life and quickening Influences from Christ our Glorious *Head*, to all his members. There is in Christ (in whom the Fulness of the Godhead dwells bodily) A River, whose Streams make glad the *City of God*. A *Fountain* to Supply and Refresh the whole Generation of the Righteous, that desire to be found in him (as the Apostles speaks) not having their own Righteousness, but Cloathed with the *Robe* of his Righteousness, which is the *Garment of Salvation*. Therefore Wait the Day, *My Dear Friends*, to have your hearts filled with the *Love and Life* of the Son of God, that you may appear with Joy at his *Tribunal*, mankind must appear, and every one give an Account of what he hath done in the body, whether it be good or evil. Let every one



you be careful to Live according to what you know, and improve the *Talents* that God hath given you, and you shall find that in keeping his Commandments, there is a great Reward, and that God is good to *Israel*, to them that are of a Clean Heart. Had not the Lord been on our side, may *Israel* say; Had not the Lord been on our side when Men rose up against us, may we say, they had swallowed us up, and the Temptations of the Devil would have prevailed over us, and we had fallen long ago; It is not we that have stood firm in times of tryal and trouble, but it is the Lord that hath stood by us, and made us to stand. And the love of God to his People now, is as great as ever it was: *His Arm is not shortned that it cannot save, nor his Ear heavy that it cannot hear*; Therefore Travel on and Faint not, and you shall come with Joy to the end of your *Journey*, and you shall be satisfied with the *Fatness* of God's House, and say with the Psalmist, *Blessed are they that dwell in thy House, they shall be still praising thee*. It is the Faithful and sincere that shall dwell in the House of the Lord for ever, and enter into his everlasting Kingdom. O My Friends, Live as

a People bowed down in the presence of the Great and Holy God, and walk humbly with him; Be humbled under his mighty Hand, and you shall be exalted in due time.

The God of Heaven hath Visited your Souls with his Divine Power and Grace, and given you a refreshing Sense of his Love, that you may perceive and feel a Daily Renewing of your Strength. O Wait upon the Lord for his Divine Power to enable you to Conquer the Power of Satan, that you may go on Conquering and to Conquer, till you come to the New Jerusalem, the City of God and Land of Peace and Rest. Beware of *Idolatry*! Bow not down to the Work of your own hands: For tho' you may not be Guilty of *Gross Idolatry*, yet there is a secret, and more hidden *Idolatry*, that too many are Guilty of. Who set their Hearts and Affections on low and Earthly things: This sticks but too near to many. Let the Word of Exhortation of the Apostle enter into your Hearts; Little Children keep your Selves from *Idols*. Let this be the Cry of your Souls, Lord Preserve and keep me this Day, every Day and to the end of my Days, that I may be not only  
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Convinced of the Truth, but really Converted  
 to it, and Walk in the Truth, and Persevere  
 therein to the end, that I may be saved. Re-  
 member *Lots Wife*; Look not back to *Sodom*:  
 Walk in Light as Children of Light, with your  
 Faces *Sion-ward*; and Rejoyce in hope of Glo-  
 ry of God. Ye were some time in Darknes, but  
 now (saith the Apostle) Ye are Light in the  
 Lord. O Shine as *Stars* in the midst of a  
 Crooked, Perverse Generation. Shine in the  
 Beauties of Holiness, and Walk in the Light of  
 Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, who was gi-  
 ven for a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be  
 the Glory of his People. ~~For~~ He shall be the  
 Desire of all Nations; the mighty Saviour up-  
 on whom God hath laid Help. Believe in him,  
 leave to him, and follow him, and you shall be  
 saved, both from your Sins; and from the wrath  
 to come. God is Light (saith the Apostle *John*)  
 in him is no Darknes at all; If we Walk in the  
 Light as he is in the Light, then we shall have Fel-  
 lowship one with another, and the Blood of *Jesus*  
*Christ his Son* Cleanseth us from all Sin; We  
 know him to be the true Rock and Foundation of  
 God, which standeth Sure, and which will  
 stand

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Stand Sure, in Stormy and Tempestuous Times.  
Blessed are they that Build upon this Founda-  
tion which God hath laid.

Blessed be God, who hath opened your Eyes, and gave  
you to see this sure Foundation, which we must build  
our Hopes of Salvation upon; And not upon any other  
Foundation whatsoever.

We that are made Living Witnesses of the Power and  
Wisdom, and Goodness of God, let us sink down into  
Abasement and Humility, and we shall feel the Living  
openings of the Spirit of Truth in our Hearts, and receive  
with Meekness that ingrafted Word, in which is Eternal  
Life; that is able to save our Souls, and submit to the  
authority of God therein; That the Word of Christ may dwell  
Richly in us, and become the Power of God to our Salvation.

from the Son of God, which brought us again from the  
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of Sheep, from  
the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant, make you perfect  
every good Work, to do his Will; Working in you that which  
is well pleasing in his Sight, to whom be Glory, Praise, and Thanks  
giving, who alone is Worthy, who is God over all, Blessed  
ever and ever. Amen.

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